

Sermon

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Celebrant: La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes
 People: *Y con tu espíritu*

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
 People: *for God loves a cheerful giver.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Anthem *My eyes for beauty pine* by Herbert Howells

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The Eastertide Dismissal *Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

This week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, 4/28 Fifth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, no music
 9:00 a.m. DOK meeting, Food Pantry
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist w/Baptism, choir
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, ages 3 to 3rd grade
 11:45 a.m. Sunday School, 4th grade to High School, EpiscoPAL Room

Monday, 4/29
 Office is open from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.
 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Narthex Chapel

Tuesday, 4/30
 Office is open from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.
 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Narthex Chapel

Wednesday, 5/1
 Office is open from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.
 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Narthex Chapel
 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with healing, Nave
 1:00 p.m. Lunch Bag Theology, Parish Hall
 6:15 p.m. Labyrinth Walk for 1st -5th grade

Thursday, 5/2 Beach Weekend Registration & Payment Due
 Office is open from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.
 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Narthex Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Fireside//Eastertide

Friday, 5/3
 Office is closed

Saturday, 5/4
 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild

Sunday, 5/5 Sixth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II no music
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II with hymnody
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, ages 3 to 3rd grade



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April 28, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist II, no hymnody
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist w/Baptism, choir

Welcome

No matter where you are in your life journey, no matter your church or non-church background, we strive to respect the dignity of every human being. Single/divorced, republican/democrat, straight/gay, rich/poor, pierced/straight-laced, perfectionist/procrastinator—know that you are most welcome to encounter God at Holy Trinity. Holy Trinity is an inclusive and affirming church, believing all people have gifts to share with our community. Together we are creating a church that is compelling for new generations of Christians and a truly intergenerational community. If it is your first time to be our guest, we want to make sure you feel the hospitality of Holy Trinity as soon as you arrive. We value authentic relationships and authenticity is what we hope you find when you worship at Holy Trinity. If you are interested in learning more about Holy Trinity, please complete a yellow "Let's Connect" card found in the kneeler under the chair in front of you and give it to the clergy or usher before you leave.

To our young guests

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and particularly to this parish. We are thrilled that you are here and invite you to pray with the voices and hands given to you by God. Squirmy bodies and louder voices are choruses from the angels and are welcomed as such. To add to your comfort, we offer nursery care during the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. Our nursery volunteers follow all health protocols to ensure everyone's health and safety. You will also find "Panic Baskets" with diapers, wipes, Cheerios, and bottled water in the Narthex. Changing tables, diapers and wipes are located in the bathrooms by the Parish Hall.

Car Wash Fundraiser

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Support the Food Pantry
 Buy a \$30 car wash for only \$10!
 Coupons are good for 12 months and can be used at any TIDALWAVE AUTO SPA around the country. The perfect gift for Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays or graduations. Cash or checks only.

2024 PARISH BEACH WEEKEND
 May 24-26
 Registration forms are on the square table in the Narthex

Trinity Center located in Salter Path, NC

Beach weekend registration forms and payment are due by May 2nd

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH | NOON

PENTECOST PARISH PICNIC

Holy Trinity invites you to a church picnic following the 10:30 liturgy. More details to follow.

Sign up to bring a dish on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Wednesday, May 22nd
 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 sign up at redcrossblood.org

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Prayers

Prayer List

Sandy Burris, Martha & Walter Clark*, Holly Gwinne, Helga, Judith, Juanita Lassiter, Suzanne La Grange, the soul of Kevin Lassiter and all who grieve, Cathy Lovato, Joanne Lowder, Janine McKay, Maureen Running, Cheryl Spears, Jane Squires, the soul of Todd Waddington and all who grieve, Abby Witty, and caregivers of the ill and homebound and everyone around the world affected by natural disasters and acts of violence. *Denotes calls Welcomed.

Military Prayer List

Abigail, Alex, Anna, Brian, Charley, David, Douglas, Edward, Eli, Geoff, Geoffrey, Ismail, Jake, James, Jamie, John, Lucas, Matt, Matthew, Oliver, Rob, Sarah, Scott, Sean, Shayla, Solomon and all their families.

Birthdays this Week: Zoya Smith, Andrew Caukin, Tyler Cooper, Samantha Langbis, Eric Nuamah

Anniversaries this Week: Jae Won Kim & Mark Tollefsen

The flowers are given by Jane & Harry Horrocks
To the glory of God in honor of
Hallie Bartlett's birthday

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Baptism Rite 11

Baptism at 10:30 am
The 10:30 liturgy is live-streamed each week

Announcements

Prelude Rhosymedre (beautiful) arr. Vaughan Williams

Hymn *Christ for the world we sing!* Hymn #537

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant **One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;**
People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray (individual silent prayer)

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Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:24-30

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Epistle 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn *In Christ there is no East or West*

Hymn #529
(v. 1-2)

The Holy Gospel John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn *In Christ there is no East or West*

Hymn #529
(v.3)